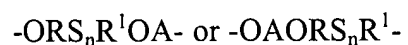


IN THE CLAIMS:

6. A compound having at least one unit of the formula:



wherein:

O and S have their normal meaning of oxygen and sulfur;

n is at least 2 and not more than about 8;

R and R¹ are the same or different and are organic divalent radicals, each having from 2 to 20 carbon atoms; and

A is the residue of a dibasic carboxylic acid of from 1 to 40 carbon atoms.

7. A composition of the formulae:



wherein

O and S have their normal meaning of oxygen and sulfur;

n is at least 2 and not more than about 8;

F is of the formula $-\text{ORS}_n\text{R}^1\text{OA}-$;

F' is of the formula $-\text{OAORS}_n\text{R}^1-$

m is at least 1;

Z and Z^1 are the same or different and are oxy or amino;

M and M^1 are the same or different and are hydrogen or an organic substituent;

R and R^1 are the same or different and are organic divalent radicals, each having from 2 to 20 carbon atoms; and

A is the residue of a dicarboxylic acid of from 2 to 40 carbon atoms.

20. A compound of the formulae:

(a) $\text{MF}_m\text{RS}_n\text{R}^1\text{OM}^1$; or

(b) $\text{MF}'_m\text{AOM}^1$,

wherein:

F is of the formula $-ORS_nR^1OA-$;

F' is of the formula $-OAORS_nR^1-$;

m is at least 1;

n is of 2 to 4;

R and R^1 are ethylene;

A is the residue of an aliphatic dicarboxylic acid of from 2 to 40 carbon atoms; and

M and M^1 are H.